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C O N F I D E N T I A L NASSAU 1396

GEVEVA FOR AMB CLINGAN, US DEL LOS FROM US DEL TO SPINY LOBSTER
TALKS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EFIS PLOS BF

SUBJ: SPINY LOBSTER NEGOTIATIONS: PRIVATE MEETING BETWEEN
HEADS OF DELEGATIONS

REF: NASSAU 1391

1. HEAD OF GCOB DEL ADDERLEY ARRANGED ANOTHER PRIVATE MEETING
WITH HEAD OF US DEL WALLACE LATE MONDAY. ADDERLEY SOUGHT
WALLACE'S EVALUATION OF US CONGRESSMAN PEPPER'S INTIMATION
THAT U.S. ECONOMIC AID TO THE BAHAMAS COULD BE PART OF AN
ACCOMMODATION ON LOBSTER BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

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WM WALLACE SAID THAT HE WAS OBVIOUSLY NOT IN A POSITION TO

SPEAK FOR CONGRESSMAN PEPPER. HE MADE CLEAR, HOWEVER, THAT THE US DEL PROPOSAL REGARDING THE SPINY LOBSTER RESOURCE AND FISHERY HAD INCLUDED ALL ASSISTANCE CONSIDERED POSSIBLE AND APPROPRIATE BY THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH AFTER DETAILED REVIEW AND DELIBERATION. WALLACE NOTED THAT A MEMBER OF THE US CONGRESS WAS FREE TO SUGGEST OTHER POSSIBILITIES, BUT THAT UNDER THE US SYSTEM, CONGRESSIONAL ACTION WOULD REQUIRE, OF COURSE, THE CONCURRENCE OF SEVERAL HUNDRED OTHER MEMBERS OF CONGRESS.

3. ADDERLEY THAN ASKED FOR ANY AVAILABLE US COST ESTIMATES OF THE ASSISTANCE OFFERED IN THE US DEL PROPOSAL. WALLACE NATED THAT SUCH ESTIMATES HAD NOT BEEN REFINED PRECISELY IN VIEW OF THE GCOB CURRENT UNWILLINGNESS TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL. NEVERTHELESS, IT COULD BE ESTIMATED THAT THE ASSISTANCE SUGGESTED IN THE U.S. PROPOSAL SHOULD BE VALUED AT BETWEEN 1.5 TO 2.0 MILLION DOLLARS ANNUALLY. EXPANDED ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS WOULD CONSTITUTE THE LARGEST SHARE OF THE TOTAL. HOWEVER, THE PROPOSED EXPANDED PROGRAMS OF RESEARCH TO MONITOR SPINY LOBSTER SUSTAINABLE YIELDS, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN TRAINING FISHERMEN, AND INVOLVEMENT IN ADMINISTRATION OF LICENSING PROGRAMS COULD AMOUNT TO SEVERAL HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS ANNUALLY.

4. ADDERLEY RESTATED HIS PREVIOUSLY EXPRESSED VIEW THAT THE US HAD NOT OFFERED ENOUGH TO PROVIDE THE BASIS FOR AN ACCOMMODATION. WALLACE CONCLUDED BY RESTATING THE U.S. VIEW THAT, IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES, THE ONLY POSSIBLE BASIS FOR THE TALKS TO PROCEED FURTHER WOULD BE A COUNTERPROPOSAL FROM THE BAHAMIAN DELEGATION.

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